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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON HIS GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE

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"POWER MINISTERS" UNCHANGED  
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¶1. (SBU) President Deby and his PM affected a relatively minor shuffle to the cabinet 3/23, which left unchanged the leadership in all critical "power" ministries, including Defense, Foreign Affairs, Interior, Infrastructure, Education, Finance, Justice and others. All four of the former opposition party leaders brought into government last year to head the Defense, Justice, Agriculture, and Urbanization/Land Use ministries remain in place.

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IMPORTANT CHANGES  
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¶2. (SBU) Of some practical significance was the replacement of energetic and effective Health Minister Djona by a Deby confidant, FN Djaibe, formerly the President's personal physician and Secretary General of the Presidency since 2007, as a reward for faithful service. The Transport Ministry was folded into Infrastructure, enhancing Minister Younousmi's already formidable power. The Energy Ministry was folded into the Petroleum Ministry, increasing Minister Mahamat Nasser Hassane's influence in this sector. Deby loyalist and former Defence Minister Mahamat Ali Abdallah Nassour moved laterally from Livestock to Mines and Geology.

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SETTING THE STAGE  
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¶3. (SBU) Although this shuffle raised the number of ministers to 41 from 38, saw seven ministers dismissed and ten others elevated to ministerial rank, its political impact likely is not great. It does, however, set the stage for the PM's scheduled appearance before Parliament at the end of March to present a "balance sheet" on his government's performance and accomplishments since it was installed last (Ref B).

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THE NEW CABINET

14. (SBU) The new Cabinet consists of:

Minister of Defense: Kamougue Wadal Abdelkader  
Minister of Foreign Affairs: Moussa Faye Mahamat  
Minister of Justice: Jean Bawoyeu Alingue  
Minister of Infrastructure and Transport: Adoum Younousmi  
Minister of Interior and Public Security: Ahamat Mahamat Bachir  
Minister of Communication and Government Spokesman: Mahamat Hissene  
Minister of the Environment, Water, and Aquatic Resources: Ali Souleymane Dabye  
Minister of Finance and Budget: Gata Ngoulou  
Minister of the Economy and Economic Cooperation: Ousmane Matar Breme  
Minister of Agriculture: Naimbaye Lossimian Mbailaou  
Minister of National Education: Abderama Koko  
Minister of Public Health: Dr. Ngombaye Djaiibe  
Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research: Ahmad Taboeye  
Minister of Livestock: Mahamat Bechir Okormi  
Minister of Oil and Energy: Mahamat Nasser Hassane  
Minister of Mines and Geology: Mahamat Ali Abdallah  
Minister of Zoning, Urban Planning and Housing: Hamid Mahamat Dahalob  
Minister of Post, Information Technology, and Communication: Pahimi Padacke Albert  
Minister of Social Action, Solidarity, and the Family: Ngarmbatina Carmel Soukate  
Deputy Minister of Human Rights and Freedom: Abderaman Djasnabaille

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Minister of Public Utilities and Works: Fatime Tchombi  
Minister of Commerce and Industry: Mahamat Ali Hassan  
Deputy Minister of State Control and Moralization: Ahmadaye Alhassan  
Minister of Culture, Youth, and Sports: Djibert Younous  
Minister of Tourism Development and Handcraft: Ahmat Barkai Animi  
Deputy Minister of Microfinance and Poverty Reduction: Fatime Issa Ramadan  
Minister of Town and Rural Hydropower: Tahar Sougoudi  
Minister in Charge of Decentralization: Emmanuel Nadingar  
Minister in Charge of Relations with the National Assembly: Limane Mahamat  
Secretary of State for Defense, in charge of Veterans and War Victims: Hassan Saleh Algadam Aldjineidi  
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in charge of African Intergration: Djidda Moussa Outman  
Secretary of State for Infrastructure, in charge of Transport: Hassan Terap  
Secretary of State for Interior, in charge of Public Security: Mahamat Bechir Cherif Daoussa  
Secretary of State for Finance, in charge of the Budget: Oumar Boukar Gana  
Secretary of State for Agriculture, in charge of Food Safety: Mahamat Mamadou Addy  
Secretary of State for Health, in charge of Sanitation: Mahadie Outhman Issa  
Secretary of State for National Education, in charge of Primary Education: Khadidja Hassaballah  
Secretary of State for Higher Education, in charge of Vocational Training: N'golona Goundoul  
Secretary of State for Zoning, Urban Planning and Housing, in charge of Zoning: Adoum Diar  
Secretary of State for Social Action, in charge of Solidarity: Mahamat Adoum Idriss  
Deputy Secretary General of the Government, in charge of Relations with the National Assembly: Brahim Mahamat Abdoulaye

15. (U) Tripoli minimize considered.

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